Statement

Details Regarding the Schemes Implemented in the Chambal Division for Ravine Reclamation

S. No.	Name of the Scheme	Period of Operation	Physical Progres (in Hectares)	Expenditure incurred (*Rs. in lakhs*)
1.	Ravine Reclamation Scheme (State sector)	1955-56 to 1970-71	1239.00	30.19
2.	Ravine Reclamation Scheme (Central sector)	1970-71 to 1983-84	1748.20	102.18
3.	Ravine Erosion Control Scheme	1976-77 to 1986-87	13500.00	201.20
4.	Dacoit Prone Area Development Programme (DPAP)	1987-88 to 1991-92	8005.09	362.44

Flood situation in the country

2264. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that floods in many areas in the country has destroyed standing crops and rendered people homeless;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that many areas now submerged were identified as flood prone areas;

(d) if so, why preventive steps could not be taken to tackle flood situation in these areas; and

(e) the steps taken to harness flood water for its gainful use in and around the areas submerged with water?

THE MINISTER OF STATE INTHE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) During the current monsoon season

10 States have experienced floods of varying magnitutde, Bihar and Assam being the worst hit. As per reports received upto 3.8.2002, 12655 villages in 64 districts in these States are affected covering a population of 1.75 crore. Cropped area of about 10.5 lakh ha. and about 75,000 houses have been damaged taking a toll of 339 human lives.

(c) and (d) It is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments to be in a state of preparedness and provide relief to the people affected by natural disasters. The Central Government supplements the efforts of the State Governments. Army columns; with rescue boats and Air Force helicopters for air dropping and evacuation have been provided by the Central Government to the States of Assam and Bihar.

(e) The Ministry of Water Resources has been working with the States in the area of flood control. Many of the rivers currently in spate originate in Nepal and the Government of India has also been interacting with the Government of Nepal with regard to the steps to be taken in this regard.

Natural disasters in the country

2265. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that India is becoming more and more prone to natural disasters;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last five years year-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether the country has well-knit forecasting systems and observational network to warm the authorities of the impending events;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of the disaster management machinery in operation to meet the national calamities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) On account of urbanization and population growth, the impact of natural disasters is felt to a larger extent. During the last five years, there have been two major disasters namely Super Cyclone, Orissa in October, 1999 and Gujarat earthquake in January, 2001